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Dear EPA,

As someone who will be paying for the Portland Harbor cleanup through my water/sewer bills (City of Portland) and utility bills (PGE and Northwest Natural), I urge EPA to adopt the most cost effective remedy for the harbor that is protective of the environment.

My last water/sewer bill was \$223 (quarterly bill). The breakdown is as follows:

Base charge: \$37.83

Actual water and sewer charges based on volume: \$96.55 Stormwater charges: \$82.66 Portland Harbor Superfund: \$1.28 Greenbucks Contribution (voluntary): \$5.00

The Stormwater charges are what I am paying to fund the City's efforts to keep contaminants out of the stormwater discharging to the Portland Harbor--not subject to the CERCLA remedy, but absolutely necessary to its success. As you can see, those charges are almost equivalent to what I am paying for the water and sewer services themselves! And that is before the City has had to pass on a charge for the Superfund cleanup!

Once you pick a remedy, the City will end up paying a large part of those costs. At that point, the City will have to pass actual cleanup charges on to its rate payers as well. That will cause the modest "Superfund" charge you see above to skyrocket.

Portland residents already have among the highest rental rates in the country. We cannot afford to pay for a "gold plated" cleanup, either in our City water/sewer bills or in our utility bills, since they will be paying for cleanup too and their only way to collect it is through us, their ratepayers.

Please pick the most cost effective cleanup that gets the job done. Having read analyses of the various remedy options, it appears to me that option B (better yet, Option B as proposed in the LWG 2012 Feasibility Study) is protective and weighs as favorably as Option I, and is the most cost effective.

Thank you.

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